

FDA Progress Report on Implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act: July – September 2012

The FDA intends to provide regular updates to inform the public and Congress on its progress in implementing the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). This summary does not reference all actions taken by FDA.

September 2012

Deputy Commissioner for Foods Speaks on Progress of FSMA Implementation

On September 11, Deputy Commissioner for Foods, Michael R. Taylor, delivered remarks at the 2012 FDA Science Writers Symposium on the topic of food safety. Specifically, he addressed progress in implementing the FSMA, including new strategies for how FDA will work internally and with our stakeholders and partners to achieve the law's goals.

Speech on food safety

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm319053.htm>

August 2012

Report to Congress on Food Facilities, Imports and FDA Foreign Offices

On August 15, FDA announced that the second *Annual Report on Food Facilities, Food Imports and FDA Foreign Offices* was submitted to Congress by HHS Secretary Sebelius in response to Section 201 (b) of the Act. The report briefly describes the scope of FDA's responsibility and its activities in protecting the U.S. food supply under its jurisdiction.

Report on Food Facilities, Food Imports and FDA Foreign Offices

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm315486.htm>

FDA Updates Guidance for Food Facility Registration

On August 15, FDA released an updated draft guidance, Draft Guidance for Industry: Necessity of the Use of Food Categories in Food Facility Registrations and Updates to Food Categories, to notify industry of additional food categories that may be included in the food facility registration form as mandatory fields, as provided by FSMA, including food categories currently listed in the form as optional fields.

Draft Guidance for Industry

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/GuidanceDocuments/FoodDefenseandEmergencyResponse/ucm315290.htm>

FDA Announces FSMA Domestic and Foreign Facility Reinspection, Recall and Importer Reinspection Fee Rates for Fiscal Year 2013

On August 1, FDA announced the availability of the FSMA domestic and foreign facility reinspection, recall and importer reinspection fee rates. These fees are effective on October 1, 2012, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2013.

FSMA Fees

<http://www.regulations.gov/?source=govdelivery#!documentDetail;D=FDA-2012-N-0799-0001>

July 2012

Webcast and Transcript of the International Capacity Building with Respect to Food Safety Public Meeting Made Available

In June, FDA held a public meeting to discuss FDA's comprehensive plan to expand the technical, scientific, and regulatory capacity of foreign governments and their respective food industries in countries that export foods to the United States. The transcript and archived webcast of the meeting are now available.

Transcript and webcast

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/FSMA/ucm303463.htm>